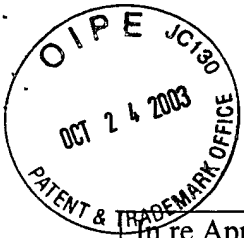


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**REQUEST FOR INTERFERENCE
WITH ANOTHER APPLICATION**

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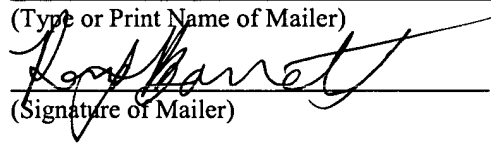
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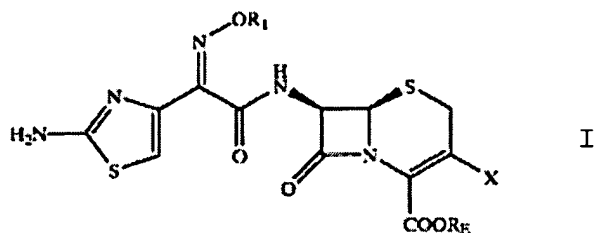
REQUEST FOR INTERFERENCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.604

Sir:

Applicants request that an interference be declared between the above-captioned application and application Serial No. 10/119,548, filed on April 10, 2002 and published October 24, 2002 (US 2002/0156272 A1). The proposed count of the interference is:

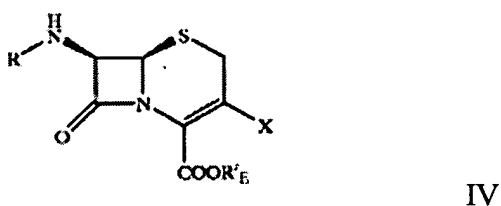
COUNT 1

A process for the production of a compound of formula

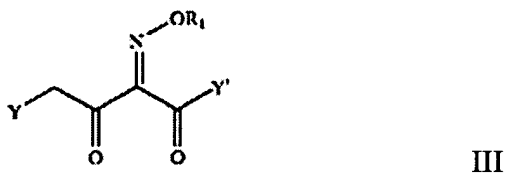


wherein X and R₁ are substituents useful in cephalosporin chemistry and R_E is hydrogen, a negative charge or together with the COO— group to which R_E is attached is an ester; comprising

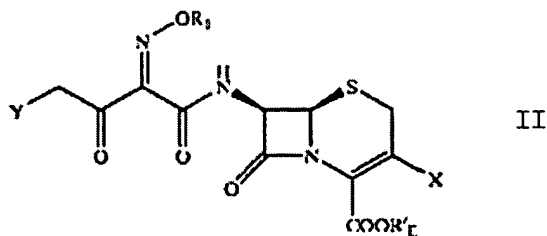
i) reacting a compound of formula



wherein R is hydrogen or silyl, R'_E is silyl or together with the COO— group to which R_E is attached is an ester; and X is as defined above, with a compound of formula



wherein Y is halogen, Y' is a group which forms a basis that a compound of formula III is in a reactive form; and R₁ is as defined above, to obtain a compound of formula



wherein Y, X, R'_E and R₁ are as defined above;

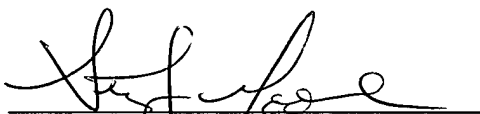
ii) desilylating a compound of formula II wherein Y, X, R'_E and R_I are as defined above, and
reacting a desilylated compound of formula II with thiourea in a solvent system
containing organic solvent and water; to obtain a compound of formula I.

Claim 18 of the above-captioned application and Claim 1 of application Serial No. 10/119,548 correspond to proposed Count 1. Claim 18 of the present application corresponds to Claim 1 of application Serial No. 10/119,548.

An interference is believed to be necessary because the same invention is being claimed in both applications and priority cannot be determined without an interference.

No fee is believed to be due. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 03-3975.

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